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ICHUD HABONIM (S.A.) REGARDS THE KIBBUTZ AS THE MOST VIABLE FRAMEWORK FOR THE FULFILMENT OF THE VALUES OF OUR MOVEMENT.

KUMSITZ  
(CAMPFIRE)

THE HIGHEST CHALLENGE

THE  
HABONIM  
HANDBOOK

ICHUD HABONIM

אחד הבונים

HABONIM  
FOR  
BEGINNERS



Habonim Camp

HABONIM  
MACHANEH



ICHUD  
HABONIM  
SOUTHERN AFRICA



# PLATFORM

1. Ichud Habonim (S.A.) is an independent Jewish Zionist Socialist Youth Movement educationally and politically autonomous and governed only by its elected bodies
2. Ichud Habonim (S.A.) accepts the right of every member to his/her own spiritual and political convictions
3. Ichud Habonim (S.A.) regards Hagshama A'tzmit (self realization) as the highest aim of its chaverim
4. Ichud Habonim (S.A.) regards Kibbutz as the most viable framework to fulfil the values of the movement
5. Ichud Habonim (S.A.) believes in a democratic way of life; in social justice, the brotherhood of man and equality of the sexes
6. Ichud Habonim (S.A.) accepts the platform of World Ichud Habonim and strives for even greater unity among Jewish Youth in Israel and Diaspora
7. Ichud Habonim (S.A.) sees its Jewish, Socialist vision as based on 5 basic aims
  - (a) The secure existence of the State of Israel as a Jewish State with a stable Jewish majority
  - (b) The negation of the diaspora by Aliyah which is the only solution to the problem of the Jewish people
  - (c) The building of a progressive, equal and democratic society
  - (d) The creation of a productive society based on self-labour
  - (e) Peace and co-operation with the peoples of the region

These goals call on members of the movement to achieve Hagshoma A'tzmit through Chalutzic Aliyah (the main direction of which is expressed in Kibbutz Aliyah) and active participation and involvement in Israeli society.



# STRUCTURE OF THE MOVEMENT.

Attended by all Begim,  
Shemim & elected Sapim.

VEIDA.

Consists of all Shlichim,  
Mazkir Keli, Mazkir Chinnah.  
The Branch of JHB, CT,  
DUBS & PRETORIA & TL.  
2 Begim JHB, 3 CT.  
3 co-opted members.

HANAGGAH.

→ VAAD  
POEL

→ Mazkir Keli.

→ Mazkir Chinnah.

→ 2 Shlichim.

→ JHB. Bakers.

Represented by all  
Shemim & Begim.

JHB. KINNU

CT. KINNU

DBN. KINNU

Makes & implements  
different centres decisions.

CENTRES MAZKIRUT.

→ IZM. (editor & rep.)

→ Branch.  
Sapim Branch.

→ SHALICH.

MERAKZIM / SEHAN MERAKZIM

HANALOT. (medrich.)

SHICHANOT.

GARDIM.  
(sects)

SCHILIM.  
(sefings)

BONIM.  
(Builders)

ANGLIM.  
(workers)

SOLLEIM.  
(poets)

SAYARIM.  
(singers)

SHOMRIM.  
(guards)

BOGRIM.  
(graduates)



The ideology of Ichud Habonim is based on three principles concepts - ZIONISM, SOCIALISM and JUDAISM. Their linking factor, providing dynamism is that the movement is run by young people.

Zionism is the movement of Jews towards living in Israel to make it a national homeland.

The concept of Socialism incorporates human values such as equality, democracy and social conscience. Habonim is a Jewish movement run by Jews. Jewish customs are observed and these factors constitute the Judaism in the movement.

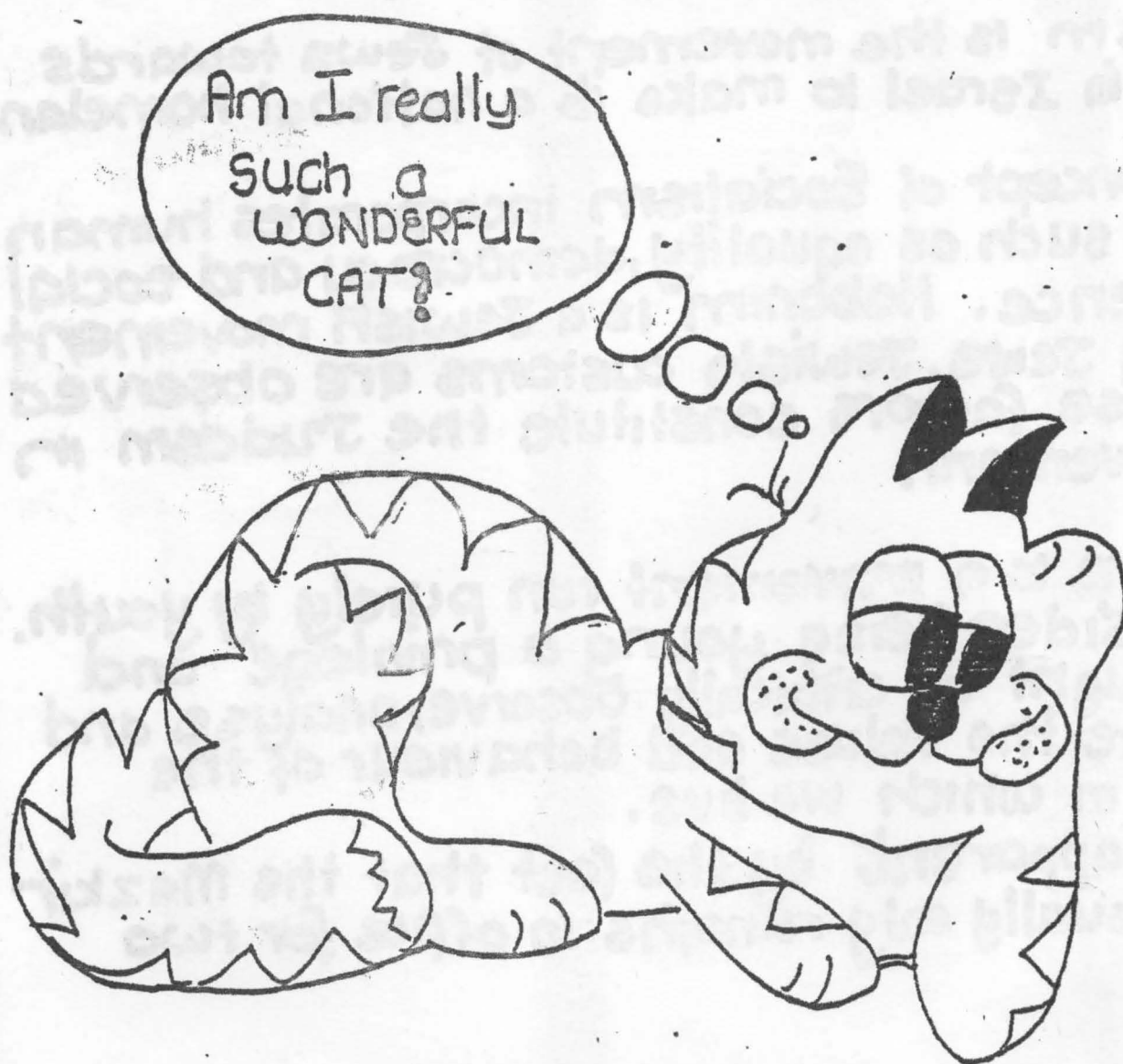
Habonim is a movement run purely by youth. We consider being young a privilege and are taught to critically observe, analyse and evaluate the values and behaviour of the society in which we live.

This is apparent by the fact that the Mazkir Klali usually only remains in office for two years.

## ICHUD HABONIM VALUES

MEMBERS OF ICHUD HABONIM (S.A.) STRIVE.

1. To be truthful
2. To think honestly, critically and independently
3. To be self disciplined
4. To be people of conviction and action
5. To be close to nature and simple in their ways
6. To be friends to all people
7. To be loyal to their country and its people
8. To learn hebrew and have a knowledge of their heritage
9. To be of service to their chaverim
10. To be builders in the State of Israel





Habonim in their ideology educate towards Chutzot Aliyah, settling on Kibbutz, which is the framework to fulfil the highest challenge in the movement, Hagshama Atzmit. It lays emphasis on idealistic Aliyah in co-operative or communal groups rather than as individuals. They are however open-minded to others who believe in other forms of Aliyah eg living in towns, on a moshav etc.

Once the individual has reached the turning point in his/her Habonim career within the movement, he/she must be actively considering the ideals of Habonim, eg Aliyah, to remain involved in the movement.

The movement aspires to build the character of its members, a moral society in which to live and the state of Israel for the Jewish people.



# SHLICHIM

Have you ever been at machaneh  
and been confronted by an Israeli  
with a camera? No, this is not for  
the machaneh album, these are the  
shlichim at work. But, who are these  
wonderous Israelis that we hear so  
much about and so much from?



Our Shlichim are people who come from Israel for two years with their family to work in the movement. Habonim Shlichim are usually Israeli-born or ex-South African graduates and all live on kibbutz. There are five families of Habonim shlichim in South Africa. They live in Cape Town, Durban, Port Elizabeth and two in Johannesburg (of which one is the central Shaliach (shlichah).) They live in batim (houses) which are meeting places for members of the movement. Their houses are almost always open for members of the movement for social visits and formal meetings.



The role of the Shlichim is to impart an awareness of Israel culturally, ideologically and practically. Continually they offer the chaverim the opportunity to talk about Israel, and aliyah. Although the Shlichim play an important role in the running of the movement, Hacholim is a youth movement and it is lead and run by youth.

Shlichim have a great impact on the movement, but their contributions are often behind the scenes.



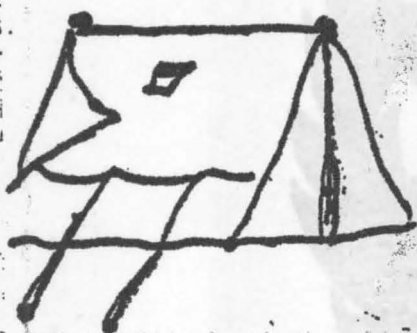
# NATIONAL FUNCTIONS - NATIONAL FUNCTIONS - NATIONAL FUNCTIONS



**VEIDA :** Veida is the highest decision making body in the movement. It is a conference held every two years and is attended by the Bogrim, Shamrim and elected Sayarim chaverim. Decisions taken are primarily ideological and necessary changes are made to the ideological direction of the movement.

**NATIONAL SEMINARS:** This function lasts for about a week in the July holidays. It was restarted in 1979 after a lapse of a few years. The seminars are for chanichim in the Sollelim, sayarim and Shamrim Shicharot. They are Habonim's most educational functions. They are generally much smaller than Machareh, but this allows for a more intense technique. These functions allow for the building up of strong national social groups.

**MACHANEH AYODAH:** This is a special National Seminar for Bogrim I and Bogrim II. It runs on a farm at the same time as the other National Seminars. It is a Kibbutz simulation and a cross between a work-camp and a seminar with half the days spent working in the fields and half in discussions about kibbutz. It is run by a small team of madrichim and by the chaverim themselves. This is the last opportunity for the chevra to participate as chanichim in the movement.



**ZIONIST CONFERENCE:** This is not a movement function itself. It is a meeting of all the Zionist parties in the South African Zionist Federation. Hacholim is an independent party with the third largest representation at the Zionist Conference. So in alternate years many of the madrichim meet in Johannesburg to attend the conference in September. Veidot and Zionist Conferences occur in alternate years.

**NATIONAL HANHALOT:** An irregular meeting of madrichim to write technique for the movement. Restarted in September 1983 and held in Bloemfontein.





## Shichayot

Habonim Machaneh is divided into six Shichayot, each one seems to get worse than the next. Each Shichvah has its own characteristics and peculiarities.



**SHITILIM:** Boys = 10-13 (standard 3, 4 and 5)  
Girls = 10-12 (standard 3 and 4)

The name, Shitlim, means saplings which explains why their colour is green. This may be explained as well by their frequency of showering and level of experience. Hence, the affectionate nickname, L.G.V's.

(Their song - Bohar Hagai)

**BONIM:** Boys = 13 (standard 6)  
Girls = 12 (standard 5)

The name, Bonim, means builders. This name is actually paradoxical as they are the most destructive group on the campsite. Their colour is blue in order to identify with the flag of Israel. (It cannot be blue and white, as white is an impractical colour at Machaneh.) They were the first Shichvah at Habonim.

(Their song - Anachnu Nolednu)

**AMELIM:** Boys = 14 (standard 7)  
Girls = 13 (standard 6)

The name, Amelim, means workers. This refers to the madrichim of the Shichvah rather than the Chani chim, who have to work very hard to keep this Shichvah under control. Their colour is orange to show their enthusiasm. This Shichvah used to be called Borim II.

(Their song - Ronu)

**SOLLELIM:** Boys = 15 (standard 8)  
Girls = 14 (standard 7)

The name, Sollelim, means pavers. They are the largest Shichvah at Machaneh and contain the highest percentage of leather jackets and mini skirts. Red is their colour. They are traditionally the loudest Shichvah at Machaneh.

**SAYARIM:** Boys = 16 (standard 9)  
Girls = 15 (standard 8)

The name, Sayarim, means Scouts. This is apparent from their regular presence in other Shichvahs: from Amelim to Admin. Their colour is yellow as they are closest to the arch which says "LET THE SUN SHINE IN"



SHANRIM: Boys = 17-18 (standard 10)  
Girls = 16-17 (standard 9)

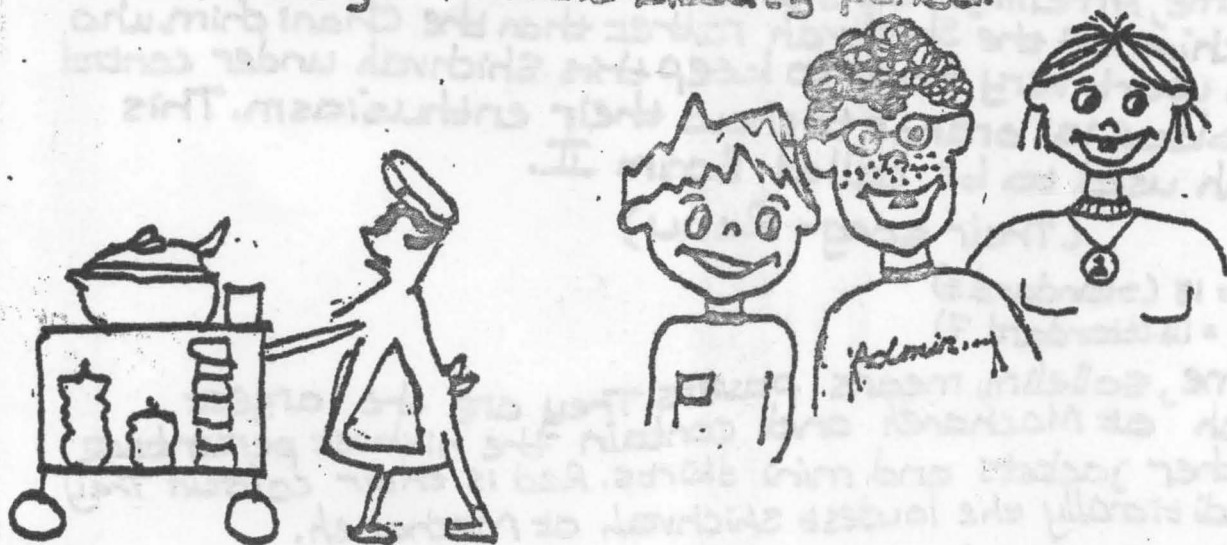
Shanrim means guards. They guard the values and principles of the movement. Shanrim is the senior shichrah at Machaneh. There is always an over-population of girls; (this results in an abundance of Admin visitors). It is traditionally a "mellow" Machaneh. This is because they cannot be heard: main mifkad.

They play a middle role between machizhim and cherichim at the machaneh.

Their colour is white to represent their ideological purity ???



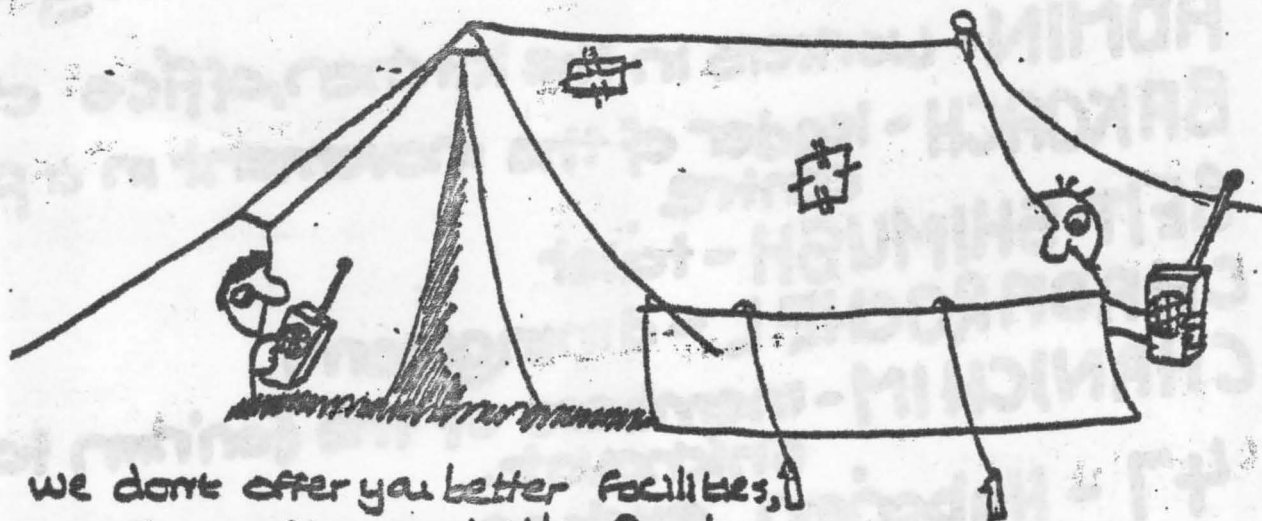
ADMIN: This is the shichrah of "maina" (and they do not come from heaven). They appear at main mifkad on the roof of the store. They are the most important people to know. It's well-known that Admin guys are finger lickin' good. They are the only people at the machaneh who need a truck to drive from Bonim to Shanrim. The Shanrim are considering building a parking lot for them, in the Shanrim site, during their next kibbutz period.



Va'ad Poel : (main gate come in for office)

These are the 'manna' of the 'manna' of the machaneh. They are identified by their motorolas and can be seen prowling around around the campsite 24 hours out of 24 hours a day.

They are responsible for the disaster area known as MACHANEH



HOSPITAL: we don't offer you better facilities,  
we don't offer you better food,  
we don't offer you more attention.

BUT, a lot of sick people come here . . . . .

It makes you think, doesn't it?





# GLOSSARY

- A-GUARD** - pre machaneh preparation group
- AVODAH** - toilet and shower cleaning duty
- ADMIN** - workers in the kitchen, office etc
- BAKOACH** - leader of the movement in a particular centre
- BEIT SHIMUSH** - toilet
- CHADAROCHEL** - dining room
- CHANICHIM** - members of the Gananim to Shani Shichovot.
- 47** - Habonim exchange record
- GARIN** - a group of movement members who are committed to each other, the movement as a whole and to living on Kibbutz.
- GROB** - overweight appearance after camp
- HADRACHAT** - guidance (leadership)
- HANEIAGAH** - body that runs the movement on a national level between Veidot and that implements Veida resolutions.
- HAGSHAMAH ATZMIT** - self realization
- HANHALLAH** - group of madrichim responsible for a Shichvah.
- HADRACHAH COURSE** - 2 month leadership course in Israel for Begim I & II.
- HABONIM** - The surname of Mr Ichud.

# Songs



## TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun  
From the sea, from the hills, from the sky  
All is well, safely rest  
G-d is nigh

Rad Hayom, Shemesh dom  
Kochavim notz'tzim. bamarom  
Lyla ba, leil minucha  
Shalom Shalom

NA NA NA NA NA NA NA

Na Na Na Na Na Na Na

Na Na Na Na Na Na Na

Na Na Na Na

Clap, Clap, Clap, Clap.

## Haborim are going homeward

Haborim are going homeward  
And the camp is at an end  
With tears we leave our campsite  
As our homeward way we wend.  
We remember all the campfires  
And the pleasures we enjoyed  
Memories will always linger  
Even though our hearts are void  
And we all hope that next year  
We will be here once again  
We will come from all our centres  
And will end with this refrain.



## Close the doors

Close the doors. they're coming through  
the windows.  
Close the windows, they're coming through  
the doors.  
Close the doors. they're coming through the  
windows  
Oh my gosh - they're coming through the floors  
Baadjie, oh baadjie, oh baadjie  
Waar is jou collar en jou taaitjie  
If you havent got a collar en in taaitjie  
You wont go to heaven when you daaitjie  
daaitjie  
daaitjie





## We are the members of Habonim

We are the members of Habonim  
You've heard so much about  
The people stop and stare at us  
Whenever we're about  
We're up from early in the morning  
Till the day is done  
We're up from early in the morning  
Till the setting sun  
As we go marching and the band begins  
to P - L - A - Y  
You'll hear us shouting  
For the members of Habonim are on their way  
Ole' Ole'

## We dont wanna go home

We dont wanna go home  
We're quite contented here  
They give us lousy grub to eat  
And Simon he sells beer  
At night we stay up late (ten o' clock)  
The maddies here are great (like hell)  
And you'll always here us singing this song  
We dont wanna go home



# Hatikva

Kol od Balevav pe'ima  
Nefesh ye'hudi haniya  
Ulefatey migra'ch kadimah  
Ayin letzi'on tzot'i'ya

Od lo avda tikvateinu  
Hatikvah shmot al payim  
Lih'yot am chofshi be'artzeinu  
Eretz tzion vi Yerusha layim.

